

# Quote

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## MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

[1] Gen MARK W CLARK, UN Comdr for Far East: "(The Communists) know what will happen if they violate the armistice. If they choose to resume hostilities, they do so at the risk of their own destruction." . . . [2] Gen JOHN B COULTER, agent gen'l for Korean reconstruction, *urging expansion of UN Korean relief program*: "The faster the Korean production lines are built, the faster the bread lines will shrink." . . . [3] Rep HOWARD W SMITH (D-Va), as House voted to offer permanent U S asylum to 217,000 political and economic refugees: "We've given them our money, our boys and our blood. For God's sake, don't give them our country." . . . [4] ADLAI E STEVENSON, *when asked on BBC if he would run again for Presidency*: "I am obliged to say to you, that if I could answer your question—which I can't—I wouldn't." . . . [5] DAG HAMMARSKJOLD, UN Sec'y Gen'l, in annual report: "(The UN should be used) less for presenting

### Quote of the Week

Sen MIKE MONRONEY (D-Okla): "The 83rd Congress has produced molehills of legislation and mountains of McCarthy."

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complaints and more for presenting proposals furthering the common end." . . . [6] Sgt in Korea, *when asked why he remained in his bunker after the 10 p m cease-fire, following signing of armistice*: "It takes 2 min's for a shell to get from there to here. They could legally pull the lanyard at 9:59 and kill me at 10:01." . . . [7] Gov WALTER J KOHLER of Wis: "We have a political dilemma in which it is bad if you don't cut taxes and bad if you do so. But I believe the political effect of deficit spending is worse than not cutting taxes."

THIRTEENTH YEAR OF PUBLICATION



Because of a vacation schedule, these lines are written in late July, before prospects for the adjournment of Congress can be accurately appraised. How much of the President's "must" legislation can be squeezed thru is still uncertain. But it can be said, even now, that accomplishments of the 83rd Congress to date are not impressive. One contrasting example suffices: The 80th Congress (castigated by Pres Truman for its "do-nothing" policy) had, by this date 6 yrs ago, achieved a Taft-Hartley bill and pushed it to enactment. The 83rd Congress has not thus far been able to agree, even in Committee, on a relatively few amendments to the Taft-Hartley bill.

It is only fair to say that the 83rd Congress has not been either lazy or indifferent. But fact remains there isn't much that shows on surface.

Congress and White House have not worked in unison thru this

session. Blame poor liaison, rather than calculated friction. It has taken a long time to get going, and Republicans in the ranks grow restive. One summed it up pretty well with recent comment: "We are behaving like a minority party."

Some of the delay has been deliberate. Eisenhower obviously has been feeling his way. Then, too, internat'l developments have been a factor. In recent wks, a growing conviction world picture may change by Jan; legislation should be paced accordingly.

Also, there are political considerations: better to have constructive legislation come along in an "election yr." But here's the rub: So much has been postponed that Congress next yr must carry a staggering load. In addition to struggling with Administration budget, legislators must do a thoroughgoing job of tax revision, meet a clearly-threatened farm crisis and fashion acceptable labor legislation. There are many other chores. But on these issues, at least, the Congress is clearly pledged. So close is the division of power, neither party can afford to go to the polls without a clear-cut record of accomplishment.



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"He who never quotes, is never quoted."  
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Charles F. Johnson



#### ACCIDENTS—1

With all the magnificent progress being made by medical science in the development of vaccines against disease, it is unfortunate we shall never be able to develop a vaccine against the disease of preventable accidents.—Dr Edw J McCormick, pres of American Medical Ass'n.

#### ARGUMENT—2

No matter what side of an argument a man gets on, he always finds some people with him he wishes were on the other side.—JASCHA HEIFETZ, quoted in *Family Circle*.

#### ART—3

A work of art is a corner of creation seen thru a temperament.—EMILE ZOLA, quoted in *Good Housekeeping*.

#### BELIEF—4

A lot of Christians have too many irons in the fire—none of them hot.—Arkansas Baptist.

#### CHILD—Training—5

No child can ever be greater than the ideal set before him.—ELIZABETH LEE, *Church & Home*.

#### CHILDREN—6

This tale starts 15 yrs ago, when a young mother was given a sealed envelope by her 7-yr-old daughter, with solemn instructions never to open it. The lady stuck it into her desk and forgot about it. This spring, her daughter got

married. A few wks ago, in the process of moving to smaller quarters, the mother came across the yellowing envelope and—well, her little girl had grown up—opened it. Written in red and gray crayon was the statement "Some of the time I like Mother. Most of the time I don't."—*New Yorker*.

#### CIVILIZATION—7

Civilization consists of making a big production out of everything, from getting dressed in the morning to attending a graduation.—*Boston Globe*.

#### DEBT—Nat'l—8

U S nat'l debt (\$266 billion) is almost 4 times greater than United Kingdom's. Russia's is \$49,750,000,000. Canada is 4th among major powers with a \$16,916,802,000 debt. France places 5th with \$10,017,100,000.—QUOTE Washington Bureau.

#### DRINK—Drinking—9

Our 3 million problem drinkers, 3 million addictive drinkers, and 1 million chronic drinkers add up to a population larger than the combined citizenry of Nev, Ida, Mont, Wyo, Utah, Colo, Ariz, N & S Dak, and Neb.—GABRIEL COURIER, *Christian Herald*.

#### EDUCATION—10

A good education is not so much one which prepares a man to succeed in the world as one which enables him to sustain failure.—Canon BERNARD IDDINGS BELL.

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In the big rush for Congressional adjournment, even sober House Speaker Jos W Martin, Jr, got his tongue twisted. When a mbr asked to speak "out of order" (speak on a subject not then under discussion), Martin repl'd, "The gentleman is recognized for 5 min's to speak without order."

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A hot-tempered fed'l official has posted this sign on his desk: "If you can keep your head while all those about you are losing theirs, you simply don't understand the situation."

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The new chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, Adm Radford, was given an umpire's mask as a gag at a stag dinner of Navy high-ups. "This isn't what I need," cracked Radford. "I'm not expecting slaps in the face, I'm expecting kicks..."

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Air Sec'y Talbott is not one to pick a fight with Congressmen, even when they trim Air Force appropriations. He admitted to the House Appropriations Comm that the budget cuts "hold us back," but made this "chin-up" addition: "We are never moving backward. We are just delaying acceleration of our program."

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Message to drought-stricken Texas, from area's Democratic Congressman, Walter Rogers: "While you are praying for rain, add a few words asking that Administration officials wake up."

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#### FAMILY LIFE—11

One child, monarchy. Two children, oligarchy. Three children (or more), democracy. — MARCELENE COX, *Ladies' Home Jnl.*

#### FARMING—12

Can't understand it. My good farmer friend called me lazy because I mow my lawn with a power mower. Yet he has a tractor, with attached plow, cultivator and seeder, a hay chopper, a milking machine and all the latest farm equipment.—DON P RADDE, *Sparta Herald.*

#### FOREIGN AID—13

In 12 postwar yrs, the U S Gov't has given \$55 billion in aid to other nations. In the 8 yrs just passed, nearly \$40 billion has been paid out; for the 4 yrs to end in mid-'57, Congress has authorized more than \$15 billion in additional aid. For all public schools, from kindergarten thru high school, U S taxpayers never put up more than \$47 billion in any 12-yr period.—*U S News & World Report.*

#### GOAL—14

When John Sloan appeared on a TV program, he was asked about a golf medal he had received. "Well, I don't suppose a gold medal harms a man of my age," he commented dryly. "Among younger men, though, I'm afraid it encourages them to stick where they are."—*American Artist.*

#### HUMAN RELATIONS—15

There are two things needed in these days: first, for rich men to find out how poor men live; and, second, for poor men to know how rich men work.—*Rotary Key-Way.*

# Mining The Magazines



In *Collier's* (7-25-'53) Sam'l Grafton presents the point of view that while Adlai Stevenson is personally more popular than a yr ago, he probably faces insuperable hazards in gaining the '56 Democratic Presidential nomination. Symington, he feels, may be strongest contender as of now. Democratic chances in '56? The author is a bit skeptical.

*Maclean's* (Canada) tells us that many couples, not content merely to honeymoon at Niagara Falls, go there to be married. Indeed, the quantities of confetti thrown on the lawn at St Patrick's has resulted in a chiding bulletin: "If you must throw something, throw grass seed!" . . . American Veterinary Medical Ass'n now explodes another old belief. *AVMA Jnl* asserts you can no longer judge age of an animal by looking in its mouth. In cows, for example, prs of incisor teeth were believed to erupt at 2, 3, 4 and 5 yrs of age. May have been true yrs ago, for slow-developing breeds, but now, according to vets, eruption interval may average less than 9 mo's.

Now, another illusion is punctured: Geo Wynne, a former editor of *Angler's Digest*, has spent 3 yrs studying the reactions of fish. He comes up with the observation that surface noises don't affect them at all. Using large glass pools for observation, he subjects fish to ringing bells, flashing lights, and other presumed distractions.

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July *Harper's* quotes the Lebanon Bd of Film Censors in recommending that the American film *Ivanhoe* be cut to remove "pro-Zionist" leanings. The film was criticised for depicting Jews as "admirable, humane persons who had lost their homeland and wandered persecuted over the earth." The *Harper* caption: "All Right, Send Them *Oliver Twist!*"

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The fish go serenely on their appointed course. "You can fire a shotgun over a pool," says this authority, "and it doesn't worry the fish at all."

In upper N Y State a 70-page mag of sizeable circulation has been issued monthly for nearly 50 yrs without paying a penny for printing ink. It circulates thruout the U S and in 54 for'gn countries. This is the *Matilda Ziegler Magazine for the Blind*, published at Monsey, N Y. Printed on soft paper by embossing presses, which of course use no ink, the periodical is sent, free of charge, to sightless persons who "read" it by tracing the Braille characters with their fingers. It contains fiction, puzzles, gen'l features and news. Mrs Ziegler, who died 20 yrs ago, has endowed the publication generously to assure cont'd publication.

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## IDEAS—16

An idea cannot be sealed in a sterile test tube and put away on the shelf. It belongs in the marketplace where in comparison with other ideas it survives or fails.—DOROTHY STRATTON, "Bombardment of the Individual," *Jnl of Nat'l Ass'n of Deans of Women*, 6-'53.

## INFORMATION—17

Most of the people of the world have never seen a public library. Whole countries occupied by millions of people have not one public library worthy of the name, few trained librarians, no "tools" in the language of the country, and few publications which the common people can read.—EVERETT N PETERSON, head of public libraries development of UNESCO, *Library Trends*, Univ of Ill.

## KNOWLEDGE—18

The more extensive a man's knowledge of what has been done, the greater will be his power of knowing what to do.—Lord BEACONSFIELD, 19th century British prime minister.

## LANGUAGE—19

Symbolic language is the only universal language the world has ever known. It is the language used in myths 5,000 yrs old and in the dreams of our contemporaries. It is the same language in India and China and in N Y and Paris.—ERICH FROMM, *Psychoanalysis and Religion* (Yale).

## LIFE—20

Great ideas, strong personalities, and creative art are the forces which shape men's lives.—WALTER D COCKING, "Building More Stately Mansions," *School Exec*, 7-'53.

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## LIFE—Living—21

Much of our mental turmoil comes by trying to live all of life at once. We lump all past worries and future problems together and take them on all at once. We should know that short horizons make life happier. — CHAS M CROWE, "How to Manage Your Mind," *Rotarian*, 8-'53.

## MARRIED LIFE—22

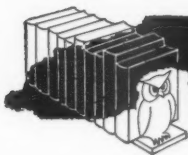
Infidelity probably indicates not so much a criminal tendency nor base character as inadequate preparation for marriage. We should suggest more than a purely negative approach to a problem as represented in the thundering Commandment, "Thou shalt not commit adultery." It calls for a positive approach.—Rev RICHARD E LENTZ, exec director, Dep't of Family Life, Nat'l Council of Churches of Christ, quoted by MORTON SONTHEIMER, "When a Wife Cheats," *Today's Woman*, 5-'53.

## MIND—23

The reason the human mind is so inefficient is that so often it's the case that a train of thought is wrecked by a flood of emotion.—*Cincinnati Enquirer*.

## MODERN AGE—24

Touring the country west of the Geo Washington Bridge last weekend, a city dweller noted with astonishment an odd figure standing serenely in a field of alien Jersey corn. It was a scarecrow composed of a space cadet's uniform, complete with flowing cape and the plastic helmet worn by small fry in intergalactic regions. There wasn't a crow in sight. — *New Yorker*.



## Book Briefs

Addressing the Royal Society of Arts, in London, Michael Joseph, the British publisher, presented the "frightening thought" that if someone should type *The Mill on the Floss*, changing the title and names of characters, it probably would not be recognized by present-day publishers. "Worse yet," he concluded, "I doubt not that it would collect rejection slips."

We doubt not that Mr Johnson is eminently correct. At the risk of bringing down the ire of ladies' literary circles, let us go a step farther and assert that it *should* be rejected.

A publisher, if he is to remain sane and solvent, must properly pace time and tide. Admitting that Geo Eliot's domestic novel had a certain charm in its proper setting, it would make an absurd contemporary novel. The plot is contrived; the characters artificial. If the Tullivers had availed themselves of the services of a competent psychiatrist their conflicts would have vaporized with the fogs of the Floss.

Some 60 yrs after *The Mill on the Floss*, a young man wrote a domestic novel presenting small-town life in Minnesota. If by some weird mesmerism of time this novel had been presented to Geo Eliot's publishers in 1860, it would have been incomprehensible, ridiculous—and rejected.

Now, after 30 yrs, we find *Main Street* a little out of focus. Radio and television have left their mark

on the Gopher Prairies of America. Give the book another 60 yrs and it will appear as rocaille as would *Tom and Maggie* on Random's Fall list.

From the wind that wafts elusive (and sometimes illusory) bits of gossip our way, we glean 2 related fragments: (a) Whittaker Chambers, author of *Witness*, last season's rent-payer for the book-stalls, is secluded on his Maryland farm, writing a 2nd volume, and (b) the title will be *The Losing Side*.

Yes, that is the free-world position as the author sees it. But the prospect is not quite as dour as the title might suggest. Mr Chambers sees some hope yet for democracy, if it will perk up a mite.

Archives of the Gov't Printing Office comprise a virtually unexplored treasure trove. Here repose upwards of a quarter of a million different pamphlets, carefully and authoritatively prepared, on virtually every conceivable subject. There has long been need for a compact, manageable index, listing the more important of these treasures. The need is now met by Columbia Univ Press in *A Popular Guide to Government Publications*, by W Philip Leidy. It lists about 2500 titles, arranged by subject, with descriptive notes. Pamphlets sell at an average price of 10 to 15¢. The GPO issues some 20,000 titles a yr.

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### "Back to School"

Children start to school these days with a big advantage. They already know 2 letters of the alphabet—TV.

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Nowadays a student picks up geography from a convertible, arithmetic from a dial phone, and the alphabet from the radio call list.

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In school, what the teachers say goes. Of course they keep hoping it will stay.—ALMA DENNY.

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September is the month when most little boys develop claustrophobia.—O A BATTISTA.

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To a small child's way of thinking, a school teacher is just someone who is trying to find out what he doesn't know.—KAY INGRAM.

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An educated man earns more. And it seldom takes over 10 yrs after graduating to get educated.

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The best possible aid to adult education is children.

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Those who go to college and never get out are called professors.—GEO GIVOT.

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### ORIGIN: "Religion"—25

The word "religion" derived from the Latin *re* (back or again) plus *ligare* (to bind) signifies a sense of being bound as an obligation thru a belief in a divine or superhuman power to be obeyed and worshiped—the expression of such belief in conduct and ritual.—WM FORNEY HOVIS, *Embers*.

### POLITICS—26

One gets the impression that in the mach'y of American politics the brakes are too feeble in relation to the power of the motor. There is a tendency to overrun the danger signs.—Editorial, *Twentieth Century*, London.

### POPULATION—Birth Rate—27

The land with the highest birth rate is Guatemala, where infants arrive at a yrly rate of 62.1 for each thousand residents, far outstripping India, where the rate is 25.8. These statistics query the popular notion that India is close to the top in prolific births. Just a notch below India stands the U S A with a rate of 24.9. France's rate is 19.4, Italy's 18.1, and the United Kingdom's 15.9. At the bottom of the world list is Mozambique on Africa's east coast with a record of only 8.5.—*Nat'l Parent-Teacher*.

### PROBLEMS—Solution—28

The solution of the problem of yesterday engages the public mind of today, while the problem of today treads unnoticed upon its heels.—H HALE BELLOT, *American History and American Historians* (Univ of Okla Press).

### RECREATION—29

Recreation is re-creation when you take your religion along.—T N TIEMEYER, *Pulpit Digest*.



# Pathways to the Past



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Week of  
Aug 30-Sep 5  
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**Old Stove Round-up (Sep)**  
**"Back-to-School" Lunches (Sep)**  
**Better Breakfast Month (Sep)**  
**Child Foot Health Month (Sep)**  
**Harvest Festival (Sep)**

**Aug 30**—5 yrs ago Cost-of-Living hit an all time high (we thought then!) with purchasing power of dollar set at 58¢.

**Aug 31**—The modern bank "clearing house" is 100 yrs' old. Idea 1st presented in N Y C Aug 31, 1853.

**Sep 1**—1st U S religious publication, *Herald of Gospel Liberty*, estab Portsmouth, N H, 145 yrs ago. . . 140 yrs ago Czar of Russia offered to mediate in our war with Great Britain (War of 1812) but British were not receptive. . . 75 yrs ago the 1st "telephone girl" in history rep'ted for work at Boston, Mass. She was Miss Emma M Nutt. (Up to that time all operators had been men). . . This is 30th anniv of the great Japanese earthquake with quarter-of-a-million casualties. U S architect Frank Lloyd Wright won renown from fact that his uniquely-designed Imperial Hotel in Tokyo was one of few structures to withstand stress and strain.

**Sep 2**—105 yrs ago Fres Polk proposed purchase of Cuba from Spain, offering \$100 million. Offer was refused. Just 50 yrs later came Spanish-American War and Cuban independence. . . Evening schools

started in N Y C, by Public School Society, 105 yrs ago.

**Sep 3**—Revolutionary War was officially over 170 yrs ago today, with signing of Treaty of Paris. It was a bad time for Britain. On same day, in Versailles, she signed peace terms with France and Spain, ceding Fla to Spain. . . N Y *Sun*, 1st successful penny newspaper, began publication 120 yrs ago. (1st newsboy started work the next day. *Sun* advertised for "unemployed men" to sell papers. 10-yr-old Barney Flaherty applied; did so well that other boys were promptly hired.) . . 1st municipal subway opened in Boston 55 yrs ago. . . In World War II, Italy took to the sidelines 10 yrs ago, signing an armistice as U S troops started invasion.

**Sep 4**—Oneida, N Y, a socialist community, founded by Perfectionists under John Humphrey Noyes 105 yrs ago. . . Russian fleet paid us a friendly visit 90 yrs ago, calling briefly at N Y and San Francisco harbors.

**Sep 5**—American Ass'n for Advancement of Science founded 105 yrs ago. . . Alexander T Stewart launched 1st dep't store on Broadway, in N Y C 105 yrs ago (subsequently sold to John Wanamaker). . . Geo Eastman pat'd roll film camera 65 yrs ago. . . Smoke screen demonstrated, Camp Hatteras, N C, 30 yrs ago.

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**Five By Five . . .**

Every woman needs 5 husbands: an intellectual companion, a muscular toiler, a financial genius, a romantic play-boy, and a practical plumber.

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Every man needs 5 wives: A movie sweetheart, an English valet, a hotel chef, an attentive audience, and a trained nurse.

—*Catholic Digest* (Ireland).

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**RELIGION—30**

We of the U S are: 44 million Protestants; 23 million Roman Catholics; 4½ million Jews; 1 million Eastern Orthodox Catholics; 2/3 million Mormons; ½ million Christian Scientists; 1/10 million Quakers. — *The Cardinal*, student publication, Fulton High School, Atlanta, Ga.

**RESEARCH—31**

More than half of all scientific research and development in the U S is now sponsored and paid for by the Fed'l gov't.—*Scientific American*.

**SAFETY—Safe Driving—32**

Our highways need not be dieways.—EARL RINEY, *Church Mgt.*

**SCIENCE—33**

Science alone cannot solve the problems of the world. In fact, the great state of fear in which the countries of the world now find themselves grows out of the belief that other men may use the fruits of science to destroy and to kill.—HENRY I WILLETT, "Revitalized Teaching in the Humanities," *Nation's Schools*, 8-'53.

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**SECURITY—34**

Security is based on political, moral, and economic strength as well as armed might.—Nat'l Manpower Council, *Student Deferment and Nat'l Manpower Policy* (Columbia Univ).

**SERVICE—35**

No one was ever honored for what he rec'd; honor is the reward for what he gave.—*Schaller* (Ia) *Herald*.

**SOCIAL CONCEPTS—36**

When asked, "What is the purpose of socialism, is it to create happiness?" he (Stalin) repl'd: "No. Society is a pile of wood blocks. Life's aim should be to rearrange it. Happiness is irrelevant. It is a middle class ideal."—LOUIS FISCHER, *The Life and Death of Stalin* (Cape, England).

**SOVIET—vs Democracy—37**

The world has not moved according to any Moscow Plan. It has moved appreciably in the other direction. There is ground for modest confidence that the forces of freedom, if they behave intelligently and resolutely, can steadily move it further along that route.—EDW W BARRETT, *Truth is Our Weapon* (Funk & Wagnalls).

**SPEECH—Speaking—38**

Except when it is necessary to unfold and explain a long political program or an intricate bill, or read a paper to a learned society, if a man cannot say what he wants to say within the space of about 20 min's, he had better not try to say anything at all.—LORD SOULBURY, "Ancient and Modern Oratory," *Quarterly Review*, London, 7-'53.

### SUCCESS—39

Most of the men who have to pay big income taxes are rather hardened to such things. They started early by taxing their brains.—*Indianapolis Star*.

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After an especially bitter battle in the '52 campaign, Sen Rob't A Taft asked forlornly, "Why do they hate me so?" He misjudged the nation's feelings. To his admirers he was a great statesman; to his opponents, a misguided man of great endowments.

His close friend, Ben Tate, spoke for his followers: "Those who have followed Taft in public life knew him as Mr American, Mr Integrity, Mr Courage and Mr Intellect, and justly so. When Bob Taft was created, the pattern was lost."

Sen Taft's final visit to the Capitol bldg where he served so long ended with the words of Senate chaplain Frederick Brown Harris: "He has fought a good fight; he has finished his course; he has kept the faith." 40

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### THEORY—vs Practice—41

It is always easier to chart utopia than to build it. — JEROME DAVIS, *Peace, War and You* (Henry Schuman).

### TRUTH—42

A highly skillful and substantial campaign of truth is as indispensable as an air force.—EDW W BARRETT, *Truth Is Our Weapon* (Funk & Wagnall).

### UNITY—43

About the only thing that would cause the nations of the world to unite in a common cause would be an attack by the Martians.—*Cincinnati Enquirer*.

### WAR—44

War is a habit which men enjoy as they enjoy drunkenness . . . fornication . . . and crime.—FREDERICK L SCHUMAN, *The Commonwealth of Man: An Inquiry into Power Politics and World Gov't* (Knopf).

### WOMEN—45

Woman is a necessary evil, a natural temptation, a desirable calamity, a domestic peril, a deadly fascination, and a painted ill.—CHRYSOSTOM, quoted by HOMER W SMITH, *Man and His Gods* (Little, Brown).

### WORLD RELATIONS—46

We (Americans) have acquired a Santa Claus complex, an Atlas fixation, and a giveaway mania.—HENRY HAZLITT, "How We Support the World," *Newsweek*.

### WORRY—47

A wise man tries to make good use of everything—even small worries. But he should not allow any small thing to upset him.

When a sculptor is shaping a statue, he begins by striking strong blows, but he finishes his statue with little taps. In the same way, a man's mind and character are shaped by big blows and little taps. Every day we are being tapped by little worries. They may help to shape us, if we have a little common sense and fortitude. — *Efficiency Mag.*

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# Good Stories.....

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A high-ranking gov't bureaucrat rept's receiving this invitation to make a Labor Day address: "You are invited to be one of the speakers at our Labor Day services. The program will include a talk by the mayor, a recitation by a student, your talk, and then the firing squad." a

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The young femme artist had a painting at the Metropolitan. Her young daughter, who had been properly guided thru the halls of that institution, and knew that it was filled with impressive old masters, was told of her mother's entree. The child pondered over this for a moment, and then asked: "Mother, does that make you an old mistress?" — *The 112 News-letter.* b

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The fine co-operative spirit among our colleges is no better illustrated than by the action of a group of Harvard men in placing an advertisement which read, "Send your sons to Harvard," in a Yale program. But Yale claims to have the last laugh because the money spent for the ad will be applied toward keeping a student studying at Yale.—*St Paul Pioneer Press.* c

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Once upon a time there was a boy penguin and a girl penguin who met at the Equator. After a brief but charming interlude, the boy penguin went north to the

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## I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

MABEL GRISWOLD

Our neighbor's son was excited about starting to go to our country school classes.

"Have you been in the school-house?" he asked me.

"Why, Johnny," I explained, "I went to the school there, my father and mother went to school there and both my grandfathers did, too."

The little boy sighed for a moment and then said, "Gee, didn't you have to be extra good with all of them sitting next to you?"—*Dixie Roto Mag.*

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North Pole; and the girl penguin went south to the South Pole.

Later on a telegram arrived at the North Pole, stating simply: "Come quick—I am with Byrd."—*Pied Sheet*, hm, Fawcett-Dearing Printing Co. d

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A patron of a Milwaukee movie house was enjoying *Salome*. During the scene in which Rita Hayworth does the dance of the 7 vells the head of John the Baptist is brought in on a platter. His reverie was broken by a teen-aged voice in the next row commenting, "Man, dig that crazy dessert."—*Milwaukee Jnl.* e

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In the days when women were still fighting for the right to vote, an eager suffragette travelled around the country near her home

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A story making the rounds of the Soviet zone of E Germany tells of 3 cellmates in a Red prison. The 1st laborer said he was accused of "absenteeism." The 2nd told how he was 5 min's early for work and was charged with spying. The 3rd one said, "I came to work on time. They accused me of buying a Western watch."—*Inter-nat'l News Service.*

"Why is the sale of liquor prohibited during the Hungarian elections?"

"So that no one should see two Parties where there is only one."—*News From Behind the Iron Curtain.*

A Minnesota farmer was complaining to a traveling salesman about the heat.

"If you think this is hot," said the salesman, "you should have been down in Texas with me last August. Why, it was so hot that I saw a dog chasing a cat and they were both walking!"—*Country Gentleman.*

A gov't crop inspector visited a Ky farm and began asking questions:

"Do you people around here have trouble with insects getting in your corn?"

"We sure do!" said the farmer, "but we jes' fishes 'em out an' drinks it anyhow."—*IMP.*

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Mrs Burt, a "well-meaning" neighbor, kept pestering little Martha about being too quiet, unlike her own wild and garrulous offspring.

"You don't have much to say for a normal little girl," she chirped. "What's the matter with you? Why aren't you more talkative?"

Repl'd the child, "I'm thinkative."—*HENNA AROND ZACKS.*

An elderly man was walking past a park when he saw some children about to play a game. He asked what they were going to play. "Cricket!" they said. "A game of England versus the West Indies."

"I suppose some of you are going to black your faces and be the West Indians," said the gentleman.

"No," repl'd the leader. "Some of us are going to wash our faces and be the English."—*Femina, S Africa.*

The physics prof called on one of his students to list some of the peculiarities of heat and cold.

"Things expand in heat and contract in cold," the student ans'd brightly.

"Give an example."

"In summer," said the student, "the days are long and in winter they are short." — *United Mine Workers Jnl.*

A Westerner visiting New York decided to stop in at the Navy Yard one Sunday morning. Going up to the sentry he inquired, "Can you direct me to the ship *Satan*?"

The sentry looked puzzled. "Sorry, sir; I never heard of her."

The visitor groped about in his pockets and drew out a crumpled

clipping from a newspaper, which read:

NEXT SUNDAY THE NAVY YARD  
CHAPLAIN WILL PREACH ON SATAN,  
THE GREAT DESTROYER.

—FRANCES RODMAN.

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A little boy of 7 told a little girl of 6, "You are the 1st girl I ever loved." Said the little girl, "Just my luck to hook a darned amateur." — *Woodford Sun* (Versailles, Ky).



#### Revision

A Hungarian dentist has revised "Romeo and Juliet" to give it a Marxist twist.—News item.

They've taken off the balcony,  
It simply had to go.  
Now Juliet's in a factory  
Beside her Romeo.

They do not speak of burning love  
And of the fearful ban,  
But how the worker has to shove  
To meet the Five-Year Plan.

The Montagues have lost their place,  
The Capulets are benched.  
They do not fall in warm embrace—  
They can't — their fists are clenched.

The lovers, thrown a Marxist curve,  
Work on, save up, are married,  
And it's as well, one must observe,  
That Shakespeare's dead and buried.

A woman ran her car smack into a Paris taxi. Wearily the driver climbed out and walked around to the woman, who greeted him with a volley of abuse. "Madame," he asked, "are you married?" The woman repl'd that she was. "Ah, Madame," came the reply, "now I see why your husband lets you drive."—*Daily Telegraph*, London.

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A saintly looking old fellow was running to catch his bus. Just as he appeared to be winning the race, the bus driver, with a fiendish smirk, pulled away from the curb and the wheels splashed a shower of muddy water over the old man. Softly, this kindly one murmured, "May his soul find peace." Still more softly he added, "And the sooner the better."—*Arkansas Baptist*.

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At a meeting discussing a bill which would open America's door to some more displaced persons from other countries, a native-born American was expounding upon the fact that many of the for'gn-born population was so demanding, and all without due consideration for the benefits that Americans had made theirs.

"Those fellows," said the native American, "are really only intruders. Not one was born here. They are welcome, of course, but don't forget what they owe us who have thrown open our doors to them."

"That may be," replied the man recently admitted to this country, "but there's one thing you forget. I came to this country with my fare paid and my clothes on. Can you say the same?"—DAN BENNETT.

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## Quote-ettes

CLARENCE E GRAY, Detroit, *pleading innocent to bigamy charge*: "I don't need a divorce. Look, it says right here on the marriage license 'void after 2 yrs'." 1-Q-t

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Dr HARRY WEXLER, of U S Weather Bureau, *explaining why his office is not air conditioned*: "It wouldn't be cricket. People figure if we can't do any more about the weather than we do, we ought to be made to suffer for it." 2-Q-t

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Gen MARK CLARK, *expressing hope for wk's leave as his newly married son began 45-day leave*: "I can give that kind of leave, but I can't get one." 3-Q-t

## SECOND CLASS MATTER

## News of the **NEW**

Australians have just announced the Belmont method of shrink-proofing wool. Small amount of synthetic resin is deposited into wool. Both resins and rubbers have been used for yrs to "load" wool and make it shrink-proof, but Belmont process calls for use of synthetic resin which "spot welds" wool fibers so they can't stretch when dampened or contract in drying. (*N Y Times*, 229 W 43rd St, N Y C).

Meanwhile, there is a new, readily available laundry product to wash wool without shrinkage. Mfr

says it also eliminates rinsing. Special powder, not soap. Just soak wool garments a few min's, squeeze, let dry. 49¢. (*Smith Mfg*, 4731 E 52nd Dr, Los Angeles 22, Calif).

Moths are worse danger than shrinkage, but new 8-sided mothballs are said to be more efficient than round ones. New design permits them to be strung like beads on clothes hangers, also prevents rolling when dropped; provides extra vaporizing areas. (*Science News Letter*, 1719 N St, N W, Washington 6, D C).

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